

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 715

February 5, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges Congress to submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that would allow federal mandates only when a fiscal emergency is declared by a resolution adopted by two-thirds of each House of Congress. If such federal laws require state or local governments to engage in additional or expanded services, the federal government must provide compensation equal to the net additional costs. The proposed amendment will also prohibit the federal government from authorizing state participation in federal programs or services unless the funding for such is guaranteed by the federal government for the full duration of the programs or services. If federal funds are not appropriated for the program or service, the law enacted or regulation promulgated becomes null and void. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Vice-President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare and transmit copies of this resolution is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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